

REMARKS

The Applicant has received and reviewed the Official Action mailed by the Office on 6 June 2005 (hereinafter, the "Action"). The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections as stated in the Action, and favorable of the subject application. Claims 1-3 and 7-19 are pending in the application after entry of the above revisions.

Objections to the Drawings

In response to the objection to the Drawings as stated in Paragraph 1 of the Action, the Applicant has revised Figure 8 as indicated on the enclosed replacement sheet. More particularly, the Applicant has replaced the reference "801" corresponding to the Cancel Icon with the reference "808". The Applicant has also revised the corresponding description of Figure 8 in the specification accordingly. No new matter is entered. The Applicant thus requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings as stated in Paragraph 1 of the Action.

In response to the objection to the Drawings as stated in Paragraph 2 of the Action, the Applicant has revised page 11, line 29 to refer to step "613", rather than step "515". Since the Applicant is making the specification consistent with the drawings, no new matter is entered. The Applicant thus requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings as stated in Paragraph 2 of the Action.

In response to the objection to the Drawings as stated in Paragraph 3 of the Action, the Applicant has revised the specification as follows.

The Applicant has amended page 8, line 4, of the specification to insert the reference sign "100" that appears in Figure 1. It is clear from the context of the

1 drawing figures and the description that the reference sign 100 refers to the printer
2 devices. Thus, no new matter is entered.

3 The Applicant has amended page 8, line 26, of the specification to include
4 the reference sign “209” that appears in Figure 2. It is clear from the context of
5 the drawing figures and the description that the reference sign 209 refers to the
6 line connecting the printer 200 and the client computer 208 as shown in Figure 2.
7 Thus, no new matter is entered.

8 The Applicant has amended page 9, line 2, of the specification to include
9 the reference sign “300” that appears in Figure 3. It is clear from the context of
10 the drawing figures and the description that the reference sign 300 refers to the
11 printer as shown in Figure 3. Thus, no new matter is entered.

12 Based on the foregoing, the Applicant thus requests reconsideration and
13 withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings as stated in Paragraph 3 of the Action.

14 The Applicant also submits a replacement drawing sheet for Figure 5, to
15 address an informality noted by the Applicant when reviewing the instant
16 application. It appears to the Applicant that the reference sign “207” appearing in
17 Figure 5 should instead read “202”, for consistency with the ports 202 as shown in
18 Figure 2. No new matter is entered.

19 **Objections to the Specification**

20 In response to the objections to the specification stated in Paragraph 4 of
21 the Action, the Applicant has amended the indicated portions of the specification
22 to address the informalities noted in the Action. The Applicant has also addressed
23 other informalities noted by the Applicant in reviewing the instant application. No
24 new matter is entered. The Applicant thus requests reconsideration and
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1 withdrawal of the objections to the specification as stated in Paragraph 4 of the
2 Action.

3 **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

4 Paragraph 5 of the Action stated § 102(e) rejections of claims 1-4, 10,
5 12-15, 17-20, 22, and 24 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,285,461 to Fuji,
6 et al. (hereinafter, "Fuji"). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of
7 these claims for the reasons set forth below.

8 While Applicant generally disagrees with the rejections, the Applicant has
9 amended **independent claims 1 and 7** to clarify further features described in the
10 Applicant's specification. As a result, the §102(e) rejections of these independent
11 claims as based on Fuji are believed moot, and the Applicant respectfully requests
12 withdrawal of these §102 rejections.

13 Turning first to **independent claim 1**, the Applicant has amended it to
14 clarify further features of a client computer device. For convenience, claim 1 is
15 reproduced here, after entry of the above revisions, with emphasis added for ease
16 of discussion:

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18 "1. (Currently Amended) A client computer device comprising:

19 a user interface having a visual display unit;

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21 at least one communications port for communicating between the client computer device
22 and a plurality of printer devices;

23 driver means for driving said printer devices, wherein the driver means are adapted to
24 request a first print preview of a print job from a first printer device, and to request at least a second
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1 print preview of the print job from at least a second printer device, wherein the first print preview
2 represents a first preview of the print job as printed on the first printer device, and *wherein the*
3 *second print preview represents a second preview of the print job as printed on the second printer*
4 *device, wherein the second printer device is configured differently than the first printer device,*
5 *such that the first print preview differs from the second print preview;*

6 browser means for *displaying, within the user interface, the first print preview and the*
7 *second print preview to a user, so as to enable the user to select at least one of the first printer*
8 *device and the second printer device to print the print job."*

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10 The revisions to claim 1 are believed fully supported under 35
11 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, at least by page 12, lines 16-26, of the Applicant's
12 specification.

13 Turning to the cited art, Fuji pertains generally to an image output system
14 having preview function and method of displaying preview image in image output
15 system. The Applicant submits that Fuji does not disclose a plurality of printer
16 devices. Moreover, the Applicant submits that Fuji does not disclose the features
17 recited in claim 1 that are emphasized above.

18 On at least the foregoing basis, the Applicant submits that Fuji does not
19 support a § 102(e) rejection of claim 1 as indicated above. Therefore, the
20 Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of
21 claim 1.

22 Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1, and stand rejected under similar grounds.
23 Claims 2-3 are amended for consistency with claim 1 as revised above.
24 Accordingly, the comments directed above to claim 1 apply equally to claims 2-3.
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1 On at least this basis, the Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of
2 the § 102(e) rejection of claims 2-3.

3 Claim 4 is cancelled without waiver, prejudice, or disclaimer of the
4 Applicant's rights to direct claims to the subject matter formerly recited therein in
5 the future.

6 Turning to **independent claim 10**, the Applicant has revised this claim to
7 clarify further features of the method. The revisions to claim 10 are similar to
8 those discussed above in connection with claim 1. Accordingly, the above
9 comments directed to claim 1 apply equally to claim 10. On at least the foregoing
10 basis, the Applicant submits that Fuji does not support a § 102(e) rejection of
11 claim 10, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of
12 claim 10.

13 Claims 12-15 and 17-19 depend from claim 10, and stand rejected on
14 similar grounds. Claims 12 and 16-19 are amended for consistency with claim 10
15 as amended above. Accordingly, the above comments directed to claim 10 apply
16 equally to claims 12 and 16-19, and the Applicant requests reconsideration and
17 withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejections of claims 12 and 16-19.

18 Claims 20-28 are cancelled without waiver, prejudice, or disclaimer of the
19 Applicant's rights to direct claims to the subject matter formerly recited therein in
20 the future.

21 **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

22 **Rejections Based on Fuji and Cooper**

23 As stated in Paragraph 6 on page 10 of the Action, claims 7-9 stand rejected
24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuji, in view of U.S. Patent
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1 No. 6,816,270 to Cooper, et al. (hereinafter, "Cooper"). The Applicant
2 respectfully traverses these rejections.

3 Turning first to **independent claim 7**, the Applicant has amended claim 7
4 to clarify further features of the system. The revisions to claim 7 are similar to
5 those made to independent claims 1 and 10 as discussed above, and all comments
6 directed to claims 1 and 10 above apply equally to claim 7.

7 Turning to the cited art, the Applicant agrees with the assessment on
8 Page 10 of the Action that Fuji does not disclose expressly a plurality of printer
9 devices. Accordingly, the Action cited Figure 1 of Cooper for this teaching in
10 supporting the § 103(a) rejections of claims 7-9. However, without conceding that
11 Fuji provides the teaching for which it is cited in the Action, the Applicant submits
12 that Fuji also fails to teach or suggest the following features as recited in claim 7:

13 "at least two of the printer devices being configured differently from one another, wherein
14 the preview generation means of a first one of said two printer devices generates a first print
15 preview for the print job, and wherein the preview generation means of at least a second one of said
16 two printer devices generates a second print preview for the print job, wherein the first print
17 preview is different from the second print preview;" and

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19 "wherein at least one of the client computer devices is adapted to display the first print
20 preview and the second print preview to a user, so as to enable the user to select at least one of the
21 first printer device and the second printer device to print the print job."

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23 Turning to Cooper, Cooper pertains generally to a method and apparatus for
24 supporting application and device independent print support. Figure 1 of Cooper
25 illustrates printers 114, 118, and 116. However, without conceding that Cooper

1 provides the teaching for which it is cited in the Action, the Applicant submits that
2 Cooper fails to provide the teaching missing from Fuji that is necessary to support
3 a § 103 rejection of claim 7. More particularly, the Applicant submits that Cooper
4 neither teaches nor suggests at least the above-quoted features as recited in
5 claim 7.

6 On at least this basis, the Applicant submits that Fuji and Cooper do not
7 support a § 103 rejection of claim 7, and thus requests reconsideration and
8 withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejections of claim 7.

9 Claims 8-9 depend from claim 7 and stand rejected under similar grounds.
10 Claims 8-9 are amended for consistency with claim 7, and the Applicant submits
11 that that the above comments directed to claim 7 apply equally to claims 8-9. On
12 at least this basis, the Applicant submits that Fuji and Cooper do not support a
13 § 103 rejection of claims 8-9, and thus requests reconsideration and withdrawal of
14 the § 103(a) rejections of claim 8-9.

15 Rejections Based on Fuji and Nagasaka

16 As stated on page 11 of the Action, claims 25-26 stand rejected under 35
17 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuji, in view of European Patent
18 Application No. 0930757 to Nagasaka (hereinafter "Nagasaka"). The Applicant
19 respectfully traverses these rejections.

20 Claims 25-26 have been cancelled to advance prosecution of this
21 application, and without waiver, prejudice, or disclaimer of the Applicant's rights
22 to direct claims to the subject matter recited therein in the future. The Applicant
23 submits that Nagasaka does not provide the teaching missing from Fuji and/or
24 Cooper to support either § 102 or § 103 rejections of the claims that remain
25 pending in this application.

1 As stated on page 16 of the Action, claims 5-6 and 23 stand rejected
2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuji, in view of Nagasaka.
3 The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

4 Claims 5-6 and 23 have been cancelled to advance prosecution of this
5 application, and without waiver, prejudice, or disclaimer of the Applicant's rights
6 to direct claims to the subject matter recited therein in the future. The Applicant
7 submits, once again, that Nagasaka does not provide the teaching missing from
8 Fuji and/or Cooper to support either § 102 or § 103 rejections of the claims that
9 remain pending in this application.

10 Rejections Based on Fuji and Adamske

11 As stated on page 13 of the Action, claims 27-28 stand rejected under 35
12 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuji, in view of U.S. Patent
13 No. 6,615,234 to Adamske, et al. (hereinafter "Adamske"). The Applicant
14 respectfully traverses these rejections.

15 Claims 27-28 have been cancelled to advance prosecution of this
16 application, and without waiver, prejudice, or disclaimer of the Applicant's rights
17 to direct claims to the subject matter recited therein in the future. The Applicant
18 submits that Adamske does not provide the teaching missing from Fuji and/or
19 Cooper to support either § 102 or § 103 rejections of the claims that remain
20 pending in this application.

21 As stated on page 18 of the Action, claims 11 and 21 stand rejected
22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuji in view of Adamske.
23 The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

24 Claim 11 depends from independent claim 10, which was discussed above.
25 Claim 11 was amended above for consistency with the revisions to claim 10.

1 Turning to Adamske in detail, Adamske pertains generally to a system and method
2 for network-based document delivery. However, without conceding that Adamske
3 provides the teaching for which it is cited in the Action, the Applicant submits that
4 Adamske fails to provide the teaching missing from Fuji to support a rejection of
5 claim 10, from which claim 11 depends. On at least this basis, the Applicant
6 requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejections of claim 11.

7 Rejections Based on Fuji and Blumberg

8 As stated on page 20 of the Action, claim 16 stands rejected under 35
9 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuji in view of U.S. Patent Application
10 Publication No. 2003/0140315 to Blumberg, et al. (hereinafter, "Blumberg"). The
11 Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

12 Claim 16 depends from claim 10, the rejection of which was addressed
13 above. Therefore, the comments directed above to claim 10 apply equally to
14 claim 16. In addition, however, without conceding that Blumberg provides the
15 teaching for which it is cited in the Action, the Applicant submits that Blumberg
16 fails to provide the teaching missing from Fuji to support a rejection of claim 10.

17 Turning to Blumberg in more detail, Blumberg pertains generally to a print
18 on demand virtual builder. Even assuming that Blumberg provides the teaching
19 for which it is cited, for example, Paragraph [0039] of Blumberg fails to provide
20 the teaching missing from Fuji to support a rejection of claim 10. Based on at
21 least the foregoing, the Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of
22 the § 103 rejection of claim 16.

23 Conclusion

24 The Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103
25 rejections of claims 1-9, 11-16, and 22-30. If any issue remains unresolved that

1 would prevent allowance of this case, the Office is requested to contact the
2 undersigned attorney to arrange a telephone interview.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

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2 The Applicant submits herewith replacement drawing figures for Figures 5
3 and 8.
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5 Figure 5 is amended to replace the reference numeral "207" with the
6 reference numeral "202", for consistency with Fig. 2. As such, no new matter is
7 entered.
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9 Figure 8 is amended to replace the reference numeral "801", formerly
10 designating the cancel icon, with the reference numeral "808", to address the
11 duplicate references "801" formerly appearing in Figure 8. Corresponding
12 revisions are made to the description of Figure 8, as indicated in the amendments
13 to the specification appearing above. As such, no new matter is entered.
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